

UNDER CONSTRUCTION



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Summer renovations continue into fall

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Over the past four months, campus has undergone many construction projects, some longer than others and some that were worked on over the summer. The main project being upgrades and renovations in Martindale Hall.

“The current project most impactful to students is probably the upgrades to the third floor of Martindale Hall,” Scott Kuhlemeyer, director of capital programs wrote in an email to the Missourian. The upgrades will repurpose 4,260-square-feet of the floor into laboratory space, faculty offices and storage rooms for the School of Health Science and Wellness.

Planning for Martindale’s renovation began last fall, and construction began late this summer, and according to Kuhlemeyer, will be completed this spring.

This is Martindale’s first renovation in nearly 40 years. The Board of Regents approved the upgrade last March for no more than \$1.3 million, \$1 million from private donors and the remaining \$300,000 from the capital budget of the University.

There are other smaller renovations on campus as well. These include stair replacement in Bearcat stadium, improvements to the family room in the Mable Cook Recruitment and Visitors Center, refinishing and painting in the Lamkin Activity Center and campus-wide work on water, lighting and electrical infrastructure.

There’s also ongoing absorber removal in the Chiller Plant, Station, Dieterich Hall, Lamkin Activity Center, Millikan Hall and Roberta Hall.

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DAKOTA WEAVER PHOTO EDITOR

The construction continues at Martindale Hall after renovations began late this summer. The on-campus construction includes upgrades in Garrett-Strong, Lamkin, McKemy and more.

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Northwest’s presidential search firm, Anthem Executive, visited campus Aug. 22 and Aug. 23 and held nine sessions with faculty, students, alumni and the community to gain input before starting to look for presidential candidates.

Just a few weeks after confirming the 15-person Presidential Search Committee, Michael Ballew and Mike “JR” Wheless from Anthem Executive heard about qualities and characteristics the different

groups wanted to see in presidential candidates.

Ballew said around 50 percent of the time they conduct a search there are input sessions, but many times it’s job descriptions that are developed and then they meet with the Board or committee to help with a profile for a candidate.

“The combination of the meetings and the online survey gives an opportunity for everybody connected with campus, and whatever format or form that you are to be able to have a say,” Ballew said.

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Supplies missing from new spirit store

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As the first week of classes started, students were picking up books in order to prepare for the upcoming semester, but some weren’t able to get fully ready.

At the beginning of July, the former Bearcat Bookstore run by Barnes and Noble for 38 years, transitioned to new owners with Student Body. With the semester starting just a few short weeks after, everyone started to get to work moving things into the new space right away.

As Student Body started preparing for people to come back to campus, students started going to the newly renamed Bearcat Shop not only for Northwest apparel, but for supplemental course instruction and found that some titles were missing.

Assitant Vice President of Student Affairs Rose Viau said the new store got a list of what supplemental texts Barnes and Noble provided over the years, but it wasn’t all that was needed.

“We got those ordered, and they ordered everything that they had on the list, and so now we’re finding out just the list wasn’t complete,” she said.

An email was sent out to faculty with an urgent request asking them to send in a list of the texts needed to the bookstore manager email so it could start acquiring the needed material. In the meantime, faculty was asked to provide all the course material for their students if it was not provided by Textbook Services.

Faculty was asked to send in their lists by Aug. 19, and Viau said they went to work right away compiling a list of the missing titles and ordering them as soon as possible.

“We can’t go back and control it, but they’re working really hard to make sure that everybody has what they need,” Viau said. “And we’ve communicated with all faculty, so that they know, so that if all the students in a class don’t have the lab manual that they need, they’re going to be able to know pretty quick that’s the reason why, and they need to send their information in.”

Viau said titles were already being ordered and have started coming in quickly, so depending on the material, students shouldn’t have to wait much longer to get their supplemental text.

Candidate profile to be built from input sessions, kicks off search

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Nodaway districts to start year with 4-day school week

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Last February, West Nodaway R-I and Nodaway-Holt R-VII school districts discussed, polled and voted on switching to a four-day academic week to retain teachers, attract new employees and save money. Both districts had their first day of school Aug. 23.

The West Nodaway School Board approved the schedule change on the night of Feb. 9, voting in favor of it 4-3. The four-day week schedule was also passed by the same slim margin of 4-3 by the Nodaway-Holt School Board seven days later.

West Nodaway Superintendent and High School Principal Mitch Barnes said although they did not have any new applicants this semester, they did manage to keep all their current staff and faculty.

“We started looking at it as a cost-saving measure,” Barnes said. “But then another thing that came into play was trying to retain and keep quality teachers.”

Although they didn’t get anyone new, West Nodaway Elementary Principal Tim Conn was glad it was able to keep everyone on board as they switched to a shorter week.

“We had most of our staff hired pretty early this year, earlier than I expected. We had a couple of late transitions, but we were able to fill everything,” Conn said.

The four-day school week is a recent phenomenon that has risen within the country over the past decade. For the 2022-23 academic school year, one in four Missouri school districts have the four-day week schedule, according to St. Louis public radio.

Missouri is in the middle of a severe teacher shortage, as the state has one of the lowest pay for new educators in the entire nation. Minimum wage for new teachers in Missouri is \$25,000 and can increase to \$33,000 after receiving a master’s degree and ten years of experience. As a result, many teachers across the state have a second job to make ends meet.

Conn said they made the switch to gain attraction for new staff members and to keep their teachers, as well as the financial benefits of the short week.

“There’s some financial benefits, but that wasn’t the major driving force,” Conn said. “It’s mainly a matter of keeping the best staff we can get.”

Both schools have Mondays off. Nodaway-Holt’s daily schedule is 8 a.m.-3:36 p.m. and West Nodaway’s is 7:55 a.m.-3:40 p.m..

Conn said the district studied four-day week’s pros and cons, numbers and statistics and decided how to use the hours they have per day. Conn said it was a new experience for everyone at the district.

“I think that once it becomes our norm, I think that it’ll be something our community and students and staff enjoy. I think there’s many opportunities within change, but change can be scary,” Conn said. “I don’t know how it’s gonna look in three or four years. I know that anything takes time, and we need to let it run its course and not make rash decisions in a year or two. We really need to let it play out a little bit before we decide if it’s effective or ineffective.”



DAKOTA WEAVER PHOTO EDITOR

Snider Development representative Pete Ramsel shows the City Council the plan for phase three for Southview Fields. The City Council passed a resolution of support for more low income housing.

Mozingo to get new equipment

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Maryville City Council went through a Fiscal Year 2023 budget draft that includes improvements to Mozingo Lake Recreational Park, as well as hearing about plans for new low-income housing.

The draft for the Lake Mozingo Recreational Park includes continued maintenance on the park and new equipment to improve the experience of the visitors.

The city wants to purchase new mechanical and auto equipment to keep the park in shape. The total cost would be \$197,000 broken down into three costs. The elevator in the jack in the main building needs to be replaced; the expected cost of that part is \$29,000. The park’s lawn mowers are 15 years old and are experiencing mechanical issues.

“If the motor goes out, there is no way to get that part,” Mozingo Park Director Jordyn Greenhaw said. “It’s just so old that they just don’t create that motor any more.”

There is \$147,000 allocated to a lease carry over from the 2022 Fiscal Year budget. This lease is for two fairway mowers. The remaining \$20,000 is for

a new grass seeder.

The draft budget includes \$40,000 to hire one new full time maintenance position.

“If the motor goes out, there is no way to get that part. It’s just so old that they just don’t create that motor anymore.”

-JORDYN GREENHAW
MOZINGO PARK DIRECTOR

“A lot of the problems that we are facing is that the seasonal staff they get hired on right at the beginning of April for summer, and they can only work up until school starts, and they’re done,” Greenhaw said. “Well, we are continuing to have golf tournaments, and the season is not done, our busy season is not done.”

The park is still busy for the next six weeks and with

the weather becoming more advantageous for outside activities, the city recognizes the need for more workers.

“September is one of our busiest months,” Assistant City Manager Ryan Heiland said. “We have multiple golf tournaments, we have weddings and corporate events.”

The city will continue to work on the watershed and water quality of Lake Mozingo. The budget includes spending \$60,000 on another Earthtech treatment for Lake Mozingo. The budget also includes other projects to help improve Mozingo’s watershed. The removal of cedar and locust trees with the hope natural grasses and flowers will grow back.

The new investments in the park include purchasing a kayak vending machine allowing visitors to rent out a kayak as well as a golf ball vending machine to help relieve stress on the pro-shop store.

Due to an increase in operating cost for the park, the city is working on increasing fees for the park however none of those fee increases were discussed during the meeting. An increase in electricity costs, fertilizer and other chemicals were cited as the need for

higher fees. City Manager Greg McDanel did mention the increased fees may be for golfing and cabin rentals.

The city also heard from Pete Ramsel, a representative of Snider Development and passed a resolution of support. Snider Development is working on building Southview Fields, a low-income housing unit.

The apartments will hold 32 units with a mix of two or three bedrooms. The rent will be between \$500-\$700. The goal of the apartment complex is to house workers for the Kawasaki plant. The same developer has already constructed two complexes across the street. Snider Development will move forward with its plans.

“We appreciate the opportunity to come back for phase three,” Ramsel said.

Other City Council business:

The city is also allowing the Beemer’s Muffler Center, LLC Car & Truck Show to take place Aug. 27. The 100 block of South Alvin Street will be closed for this event. The car show will start at 8 a.m. and finish at 5 p.m..

The city is maintaining its Transient Guest Tax of 5 percent on all hotel rooms within the city.

Library considered for National Registry

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While driving down Main Street, people can see an array of different buildings, restaurants and businesses, but what they’ll also find is the same building that someone would have seen 110 years ago.

What is now the Maryville Public Library, used to be the Maryville Post Office

built in 1912. With all the original limestone bricks from when it was built, along with construction of the building being an example of rare 20th Century Classical Revival Architecture, the building is now on its way to being considered for the National Registry of Historic Places.

Maryville Public Library Director Stephanie Patterson said the idea of applying to be on the National Registry isn’t a new one, as it usually comes into conversation when considering funding for maintaining the building.

“Federal funding for building preservation sometimes becomes available in connection with a listing on this Register of Historic Places,” Patterson said. “There’s a hope that if this building is listed, that the library would have the option of federal assistance with those projects.”

Earlier this year, the library was granted \$50,000 through the city’s Downtown Facade Improvement Grant to help fund some much-needed repairs to the limestone structure. Being on the registry would allow more opportunity to



DAKOTA WEAVER PHOTO EDITOR

The Maryville Public Library continues to stand with the original limestone that it had been built with in 1912. The library is wanting to be considered for the National Registry of Historic Places.

continue the upkeep of the unique building.

The limestone bricks, marble and granite used in the library were significant to the time of construction, where architect James Knox Taylor was influenced by classical and early American styles which used high-quality and long-lasting materials on the buildings.

Just a year after construction, the 1913 Buildings Act signified the end of elaborately constructed government buildings, seeing a switch to lower-cost construction materials and a more regulated design to buildings across the board, making these buildings some of the last of that architectural era and the last

of Taylor’s designs.

Along with the materials, the design of this building is a stark contrast to other structures in town like the Nodaway County Courthouse and the Northwest Administration Building. Those buildings were constructed in Victorian-style architecture, making the old Maryville Post Office the only building of its kind in town.

Patterson said the Missouri Advisory Council notified her earlier this month that it approved the Maryville Post Office along with several other buildings around Missouri to be forwarded to the National Parks Service to be considered for the Registry.

Now, they are playing

a waiting game to hear back on whether they will be on the official registry. Regardless of the outcome, Patterson said it gave the library a chance to compile information on the history, along with the possibility of a display on the century-old building.

“There’s also just a general local interest from local residents in the history of the building,” Patterson said. “Whether or not this nomination is approved by the Park Service, this process gave us an opportunity to put together a fairly thorough written history of the building itself, and how it fits into America’s architectural history.”

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Animal shelter experiences overcrowding

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The overlapping barks of dogs and meows of cats echo through the halls of the New Nodaway Humane Society. This Humane Society in particular is experiencing overcrowding, but according to shelter manager Wendy Combs, it's not the only shelter experiencing this problem.

"It's not just our shelter," Combs said. "It's nationwide from what I'm seeing. I know St. Joe is full. There's a lot of places that are."

This is also not the only problem that the Humane Society has been experiencing recently. The shelter has also been dealing with volunteer shortage for nearly a year. This makes the influx of animals much more difficult to handle due to not having as much help.

Right now, the shelter has 35 to 40 dogs and 70 to 80 cats. Combs said she believes one of the main reasons the shelter has been experiencing an influx of animals is owners surrendering the animal for various reasons such as moving or changing their minds about keeping the animal.

"People get an animal, a puppy for example. They have to have their shots, they have to have worming, they have to have training, they can't just train themselves," Combs said. "It's not their fault that you got it, and you were the one that was not able to take care of it and then the animals suffer because of it. People need to think about the responsibility and the lifetime commitment that it takes."

Combs believes a way that overcrowding in shelters can be prevented is making sure owners are more responsible when taking care of their pets, and they really think about the responsibility before getting a pet.

"An animal is a commitment," Combs said. "If you're lucky, it can be anywhere from 10-15 years of being able to be with that pet, and it's so hard on them to be bounced around from shelter to person."

In order to try and increase adoptions, the Humane Society is offering two new promotions during the month of August. The first promotion offers half-price adoptions throughout the month. Dogs may be adopted for \$50, puppies for \$75, cats \$30 and kittens for \$40.

The adoption fee includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, microchipping and more, according to the flier provided by the Humane Society. The second promotion is \$20 Saturday adoptions throughout the month.

Another way the Humane Society is advertising their animals is by holding events in the community. This last Saturday on Aug. 20, the Humane Society brought some of their rescue dogs to Northwest in collaboration with the Student Activities Council. Combs said events like this get the Humane Society's name out there and help their dogs get socialized.

Audrey Rowe, Director of Late Night & Weekend Programming, said events like this are important to have on campus because there are many students who may be lacking the comfort of having a pet due to leaving their family pets at home. She added that the event serves this purpose along with giving the rescue animals the attention they need.

"The main thing I hope this event achieves is creating smiles," Rowe said. "I hope to provide relief for students from the weekly cycle of stressing over classes and everything else that goes on at university."

Anyone interested in adopting must be at least 18 years of age. They can go



KENNEDY KALVODA NEWS REPORTER

The Nodaway Humane Society currently has many loving animals up for adoption such as this four month old orange tabby, Pickle. The humane society is also experiencing overcrowding, along with a shortage of volunteers.

to the Humane Society which is located at 829 S. Depot St. and fill out a paper application, or fill out an application on its website.

Anyone that may be interested in

becoming a volunteer at the Humane Society can contact the shelter for training dates and times at 660-562-3333 or their email at newnodawayhumanesociety@gmail.com.

Northwest to host plays, student-led one acts this fall



FILE

The Theatre Northwest cast of "No Exit" poses for a preview for their Feb. 24, 2022 show. Theatre Northwest will be putting on three student-directed shows during the 2022-2023 school year.

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Theatre Northwest will host eight shows, including a Play Reading Festival, throughout the 2022-2023 school year.

The shows are divided into two groups: mainstages and Student-Directed Lab Series. Mainstages are larger productions, they have bigger budgets, more actors or actresses and are directed by a faculty member or guest director. The Lab Series productions are smaller and are directed by students. They are one or two stage acts and have shorter run times.

Assistant Professor Katheryn Bilbo said there are a variety of shows being performed this year.

"I feel that this season offers a great range of genres, styles and types of performance. In September alone, we will have three different plays three weeks in a row," Bilbo said. "Two shows have already begun rehearsals; another begins next week. There's a lot to be excited about."

The fall semester will have five shows, "Aunt Leaf" written by Barbaera Wiechmann Sept. 16-17, "A Small Fire" written by Adam Bock Sept. 23-24, "The Voice of the Prairie" written by John Olive, which will be performed Sept. 29 - Oct. 2, 2022, "Much Ado About Nothing" Nov. 10-13 written by William Shakespeare and "Alpha Psi Omega Children's Show" date to be determined.

The spring semester will have a new opportunity for students to get involved. The

Play Reading Festival will take place Feb. 6-9, 13-16 and 20-22. "The Humans" by Stephen Karam will perform Feb. 24-25, and "SpongeBob: The Musical" by Kyle Jarrow and Tina Landau

SHOW SCHEDULE	
Aunt Leaf	Sept. 16-17
A Small Fire	Sept. 23-24
The Voice of the Prairie	Sept. 29 - Oct. 2
Much Ado About Nothing	Nov. 10-13
Alpha Psi Omega Children's Show	TBD
The Humans	Feb. 24-25
Spongebob: The Musical	April 13-16

will be performed April 13-16.

The first mainstage is "The Voice of the Prairie" and is the 32nd Annual Freshman/Transfer Showcase. This show reserves all parts for any student new to the program. It also sets aside all technical parts for new students to the program. Bilbo said there is value in quickly getting new students involved from the get go.

"This helps our new students get fully immersed in our program immediately and accustom them to what the production process is like at Theatre Northwest," Bilbo said.

Bilbo encourages students to see the shows through the school year.

"I hope that students will come to see the productions to learn more about the art and themselves but especially to be entertained. As you can see from the season lineup, there is something for virtually everyone," Bilbo said. "Theatre is a great activity to attend with friends as well. It almost always provokes conversation, sometimes lively, sometimes heated and often laughter."

This year, Northwest Theater is bringing in two professional guest artists to help the students perform in three different shows. Bart Williams will help with stage combat and choreography for "Much Ado About Nothing." Williams is a former managing director of the Michigan Shakespeare Festival and an honorary member of the Chicago Associates of the Stratford Festival of Ontario. He currently teaches at Southeast Missouri State University.

Courtney Laine Self will guest direct and choreograph for "SpongeBob the Musical." She is a freelance director and choreographer. She has worked on 25 different on and off Broadway productions.

Bilbo wants students to come not only to have a good time, but also take away some lessons about the art behind every production.

"I hope that students will come to see the productions to learn more about the art and themselves but especially to be entertained," Bilbo said.

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Aug. 21
There is a closed investigation for a fire alarm in North Complex.
Ja'qwavien Hudson, 22, was driving while revoked or suspended on College Drive.

Aug. 20
There is an open investigation for harassment in Parking Lot 32.

Aug. 19
There is a closed investigation for a fire alarm in Roberta Hall.

Aug. 18
There is a closed investigation for a fire alarm in South Complex.
There is a closed investigation for a liquor law violation in Franken Hall.
There was an accident between **Leslie R. Abarr-Cuenca**, 54, and **Anthony B. Christian**, 40, in Parking Lot 25.

Aug. 16
There is an open investigation for a hit and run in Parking Lot 62.
There is a closed investigation for a fire alarm in North Complex.

Aug. 15
There is an open investigation for stealing in Parking Lot 10.

Maryville Police Department

Aug. 21
A summons was issued to **Dennis A. Mace**, 22, for driving while intoxicated and failure to dim headlights on the 100 block of South Main Street.
A summons was issued to **Blaine M. Reed**, 21, for driving while intoxicated on the 400 block of West Seventh Street.
A summons was issued to **Isidoro Torres-Samchez**, 40, for not having a valid driver's license and failure to affix license plates.

Aug. 20
A summons was issued to **Samuel V. Cabrera**, 22, for driving while intoxicated, having an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle and making an illegal U-turn on the 100 block of East Torrance Street.
A summons was issued to **Robert L. Kirwan**, 47, for driving while intoxicated and failure to maintain the right half of the roadway on the 1600 block of South Main Street.
There is an ongoing investigation for trespassing on the 1600 block of South Main Street.

Aug. 19
There is an ongoing investigation for assault on the 2000 block of South Main Street.
A summons was issued to **Peyton T. Sosna**, 20, for a minor in possession on the 300 block of West Fifth Street.
A summons was issued to **Kennedy E. Stark**, 20, for a minor in possession and littering on the 300 block of West Fifth Street.

Aug. 18
There is an ongoing investigation for stealing on the 1600 block of South Main Street.
There is an ongoing investigation for financial exploitation on the 2400 block of Aurora Avenue.

Aug. 17
There was an accident between **Jason D. Gibson**, 19, and **Hollie M. Kass** on the 1700 block of North Grand Avenue.
There was an accident between **John A. Bears**, 53, and **Abigail L. Shepherd** on the 300 block of East Fourth Street. **Bears** was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

Aug. 16
A summons was issued to **Anthony M. Valdez**, 18, for a minor in possession on the 500 block of West Fourth Street.
A summons was issued to **Leroy E. Clubine**, 55, for a city code violation on the 600 block of West Second Street.
There is an ongoing investigation for assault on the 1100 block of Julie Drive.
There is an ongoing investigation for stealing by deceit on the 1700 block of East First Street.



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Assistant Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion Justin Mallett started off the first meeting of the year by covering implicit bias. This will be the first of four presentations that Mallett will be going over throughout the next few weeks.

Senate kicks off first meeting with implicit bias presentation

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At the first meeting of the year for the 100th Student Senate, Assistant Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion Justin Mallett gave a presentation on implicit bias.

The main topics covered by Mallett were how implicit bias works and how to reduce it. Mallett prefaced his presentation by telling the Senate he was pointing out some unfortunate truths.

“My goal is not to make anybody uncomfortable,” Mallett said. “If you start to feel a little uncomfortable, that’s ok. If I ask a question and you may not know the answer to it, that’s ok. The number one thing is that I want you to leave here with a very clear understanding.”

This is one of four presentations that Mallett will be giving to the Senate during its meetings throughout the next three weeks. The topics of the next three presentations will be microaggressions, inclusive language

and power, privilege and oppression.

“It gives them the chance to understand the students that are going to come in, and they’re gonna be making these proposals and asking for things, but also they’re going to be making pretty big decisions that affect all students,” Mallett said.

Mallett also made a point to mention the Student Senate Executive Board reached out to him to give the presentations as opposed to him reaching out to them, and he was proud of their initiative to take these workshops.

“I hope it creates understanding to start the process of creating and fostering that inclusive environment that we want to have across campus,” Mallett said. “If it does that and we can do that from a student leadership level, I think it’ll trickle down and all of our other students will embrace it as well.”

Student Senate Executive President Elizabeth Motazedi said the reasoning behind the Executive Board having Mallett present to the Senate is

that she believes Student Senate has a responsibility as student leaders to go through these workshops in order to educate themselves on important topics.

“I think it’s really important for everyone in this room to know that information, especially student leaders,” Motazedi said. “We’re the ones that people look up to on this campus, so for us to use our voices in that way, that’s why we were elected. I think it’s really important that we have that training.”

As the meeting came to a close, many new members were sworn into the Senate. Motazedi’s advice for the new members of the Senate was to come into it with an open mind and not be afraid to use their voices.

“We’re really approachable people, and we want you to have a good time,” Motazedi said. “We want you to be involved and really get the most out of Senate. We’re so passionate about it, so come in ready to learn, and we’re here to help you.”



DAKOTA WEAVER PHOTO EDITOR
The construction on Martindale Hall is the first renovation in almost 40 years. The other construction on campus will include Bearcat Stadium, Dieterich Hall, Mabel Cook and more.

RENOVATIONS

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The University is also installing a gender-neutral restroom on the third floor of the J.W. Jones Student Union near the Ballroom, which according to Kuhlemeyer, may be completed by early September. There were also some renovations worked on over the summer.

Other projects the campus is working on include acoustical upgrades to the Fine Arts building, painting and flooring replacement in residential halls, water tower upgrades and resurfacing parking lots and streets.

“This summer we completed numerous projects that returning students, faculty and staff will notice,”

Kuhlemeyer said. “We completed a lot of infrastructure and related projects that are less noticeable visually, but help improve life spans and reliability of equipment and systems.”

Other minor projects completed over the summer were refinishing the gym floor in Martindale Hall, upgrading signs and maps across campus’s exterior and working on the walking bridge adjacent to Garrett-Strong Science Building.

The University also has a list of upcoming construction jobs that will begin in the coming months. Currently, Northwest is in the process of installing a space for a cybersecurity program in Colden Hall.

Also in the design phase is an upgrade to McKemy Center, providing

a space for the School of Agricultural Sciences, which, according to Kuhlemeyer it “will provide improved facilities for the program currently using Thompson-Ringgold and for expansion of the program.” Both are expected to be completed by next summer.

According to the Facility Center’s website and Kuhlemeyer, other future plans include upgrades to the Central Plant and several classrooms, electronic access upgrades to the Lamkin Activity Center, the Administrative Building and Dean L. Hubbard Center for Innovation, fire alarm upgrades in Garrett-Strong and Lamkin, installing a new baseball scoreboard, system management renovations in McKemy Center and installing a bronze Bobby Bearcat statue.

SESSIONS

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The input made at these sessions will be compiled into a profile and presented at the Sept. 8 Board of Regents meeting. After the profile is created, Anthem Executive will begin the recruiting process based on the qualifications and recommendations made.

During the student input session Aug. 23, Board of Regents Chair John Moore said there will be another opportunity for people’s voices to be heard toward the end of the search with an open forum with the final candidates.

“Students will be able to interview the finalists and participate in that process and give us your input on, you know, who feels real and who doesn’t feel real,” Moore said.

There will be around 15 to 18 people, and they will narrow down candidates through four rounds of interviews. Moore said there would end up

being around three or four finalists for the position.

“You’re in a really good position in that you’ve got a good person appointed as your interim, so you don’t have to hurry and rush it,” Ballew said. “You can take your time for your committee to make the right decisions.”

For any questions or comments, email NorthwestPresident@anthe-mexecutive.com and for updates on the search, visit the presidential search page on the Northwest website.

Being bisexual isn't just a phase



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Being bisexual is often written off as just a phase. Bisexual people are often stereotyped as promiscuous and greedy. If we're not being stereotyped, we're being fetishized because of our sexuality — and this isn't just among straight people, other members of the LGBTQ+ community are guilty of it, too.

We are constantly judged from both sides. We're not gay or straight. We don't fit in either category, and this can lead to mental health issues and other struggles.

For example, according to the Bisexual Resource Center, around 40 percent of bisexual people have considered or attempted to commit suicide, compared to just over 25 percent of gay men and lesbians. That's a big difference.

Imagine being so invalidated for who you are attracted to that you feel the only way out is to end your life. This is something too many bisexual people experience.

Along with that, a lot of bisexual people don't feel they can be out. Only 28 percent of bisexuals who responded to a Pew Research Center survey said most or all the important people in their lives knew about their bisexuality, compared to 77 percent of gay men and 71 percent of lesbians.

When I came out to my parents as bisexual at 16 years old, my mom laughed in my face and my dad told me not to, 'put myself in a box'. This was incredibly disheartening. I had struggled with coming to terms with my bisexuality for so long, and they immediately invalidated me.

This is not uncommon for bisexual people. Parents, family members and sometimes friends will tell us it's just a phase. Well guess what, it's not. It never has been, and it never will be.

With all of this in mind, I'll leave you with these thoughts. If you have a friend that is bisexual, please listen to them and validate them. Don't ask them if they're attracted to you, cause chances are they aren't. And please don't ask them if they would have a threesome — just don't. These stereotypes are harmful and completely invalidate how they feel. Don't be that person.

And lastly, remember the B in LGBTQ+. Bisexual people have fought just as much as other members of the LGBTQ+ community to help us all gain the rights straight people have. We deserve just as much recognition and validation as gay men and lesbian women, so be there for bisexual people. Don't leave them in the dark.

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If you are experiencing suicidal thoughts, call the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at 988.

THE STROLLER: Your Bearcat loves men on Tinder

I am no stranger to awful relationships, but I just have to come out and say it: Maryville, you gotta step up your Tinder game, we are getting bored out here.

I have come to the conclusion there are three types of men in this town, just hear me out.

First, you have the "I fish, but only in my suburban pond." This person will post photos of them with their truck, holding a fish or wearing hunting gear. The truck is either purposely dirty

or miraculously cleaner than my car. And just so every man is aware, women also know how to hold a fish to make it appear bigger in a photo.

Second, "I cropped a girl out of my photo, I promise we aren't dating." Men for some reason think if they block the face of their ex or even crop them out of the photo, it makes them attractive — newsflash, it doesn't. If you match with this person, just know you are destined to eventually get a message about how she was an awful

person and ruined his life.

Last, and my personal favorite, "Religious guy with a dog that needs a step-mom." What in the actual, huh? Sure, they are being authentic and just getting to the point, but their entire profile is just pictures of the dog and then one at the very end that is a picture of them and the dog. To top it all off, they link their Instagram, where you find out it is actually their mom's dog.

Of course you have the odd ones out, the gamers, the

couple looking for a third and the windmill guys who are only in town for three weeks.

Essentially, I genuinely don't care about a man's spotify anthem being a random Kanye song that he swears he can relate to or the photos that he takes with all his uglier friends to make him look more attractive. I'm off the app, and I suggest you do the same until we see some improvement.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.



ALEXANDRIA MESZ NW MISSOURIAN

OUR VIEW: Regents need to prioritize student workspaces first

After over three months of being away from campus, students are filing into classrooms and residential halls, ready to start off the semester. While they were away, Northwest was scattered with construction cones and workers throughout campus.

Renovations started in Martindale Hall, on the stairs of Bearcat Stadium, outside of the Administration Building and small projects all over campus. Construction will continue throughout the year as the Board of Regents approved a \$325,000 renovation to the Thomas L. Gaunt House at its Aug. 4 meeting.

During the meeting, Vice President of Finance and Administration Stacy Carrick said the \$325,000 would go to the repairs on two porches on the outside of the house, some repairs to the bricks on the building, along with some interior renovations to things like the carpet and paint and some other smaller improvements.

While it's beneficial to get the house ready for the next incoming president, we can't help but wonder whether this is the best way to use

the money. Though it was said there are infrastructure issues in and around the house — like two porches and some repairs inside — why prioritize it when the next president, whoever it is, won't be living in the house for another 10 months?

The Gaunt House most recently had repairs made to the wood windows and storm windows in 2017. Other repairs were made in the kitchen in 2019, updates to finishing were made in 2009 and the portion of the first floor of the house in 2000.

While there are more repairs and replacements that need to be made to academic and residential buildings, the Regents chose to prioritize the unoccupied house that has had recent renovations before the buildings that have hundreds of students coming in and out of them every day.

Improvements to classrooms throughout campus are undeniably needed in most buildings. The hundreds of thousands of dollars that are going into the Gaunt House could be used to replace desks, work on the heating and cooling of buildings, adding electronic key fobs to the high rise bathrooms or just overall

upgrades in some of the classrooms or workspaces in a building.

Even some upgrades to the quality of spaces around campus would be worthy of the money. Adding more SmartBoards to classes or even more whiteboard tables would make a slight difference for the better. Upgrades to the residential hall furniture would be worth the money.

While we realize that \$325,000 isn't going to fund a complete transformational project for an academic or residential building, it is enough to make some improvements to a classroom or general necessary maintenance.

We're not asking that every penny Northwest has to spare should go to renovations on projects like continuing the construction on Martindale Hall, but the \$325,000 is enough to make a dent and some warranted upgrades around campus.

Of course we all want the Gaunt House to be ready for the next president, but why should we be prioritizing an uninhabited building over the ones which are used by students every day?

YOUR VIEW:

What do you think the most needed renovations are on campus?

ALLY LOGSTON
Senior
Early Education



"Dorm rooms for sure. Specifically the highrises, Millikan and Franken."

MACARTNEY SCOTT
Junior
Psychology



"The basement classrooms of Valk, they are really sketchy. Also Wells, Wells is falling apart, and the walls are thin and questionable."

ROJ ADHIKARI
Freshman
Computer Science



"Dorms need to be updated and better managed. They are not well managed, especially the bathrooms."

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Maryville boys' soccer senior defender Marcus Henggeler dribbles the ball down field past his teammates during the Spoofhounds' practice Aug. 23. Maryville will travel to Barstow, Missouri, for their first tournament of the season.

Maryville begins soccer season

WESLEY MILLER
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Maryville boys' soccer will start its regular season Aug. 29 at the Barstow Invitational Tournament.

After months of preparation during the offseason, the Spoofhounds will soon get the chance to step back onto the pitch to kick off their season and put all that work to the test.

Maryville senior forward Truett Haer said he has waited for this all summer long and is ready to get back to playing soccer games.

"Playing soccer in the fall just has a different vibe for me — always brings me a lot of joy," Haer said. "Playing soccer in the fall is really just my favorite."

Haer is not alone on his team when it comes to being excited about the new season.

Senior defender Marcus Henggeler said it's been a long time coming and for good reason.

"I'm feeling really confident," Henggeler said. "We all trust each other. I think we can go far and even farther than last year."

While starting a new soccer season on the heels of a successful year is nothing unfamiliar to the 'Hounds, with three of the past five seasons ending with a winning record, this upcoming campaign will be tasked with coming after a third-place finish in the Class 1 State Tournament — the furthest Maryville has gone in the postseason.

Coach Jesus Gonzalez said last year was amazing, but he doesn't think there's any added pressure from it.

"I think it's a big motivation for us, you know, having a good last year, and this is just a challenge to be better this year," Gonzalez said.

"It does push us to work harder and to try and get better every day," Haer said.

Before Maryville's start to the regular season, the team

already had a chance to play against other teams.

The Spoofhounds hopped on the bus at 9 a.m. and made the near 40-minute trip Aug. 20 to St. Joseph Leblond High School for the jamboree in St. Joseph, Missouri. There, Maryville competed against Bishop Leblond, Lafayette and Savannah.

The scores and results were unofficial but according to Gonzalez, the team earned a win, a loss and a draw on the day. There was more to focus on that Saturday morning than just the end result, he said.

"We got time to play, time to start knowing each other and we were focused on keeping the ball most of the time, so I think we were very successful," Gonzalez said.

The season has yet to officially start, but Henggeler said the jamboree gave him and his team a good peek at what to expect in the early stages of the year.

"I think it gave us a glimpse, but there's much more to come," Henggeler said. "We have a lot of young freshmen that can step up, a lot of us have been improving a lot, we've had several good runs and we've had several good looks, so I think we'll just keep getting better."

The Spoofhounds' first regular season game will be Aug. 29, but the Barstow Invitational Tournament will be Aug. 29-Sep. 3.

Before then, Maryville will have eight days of practice between the jamboree and the first game.

It doesn't matter to Gonzalez, though. He said the team will be prepared for whenever it comes.

"We're ready to go — whenever against whoever," Gonzalez said.

"Everyone is pretty enthusiastic," Haer said. "Everyone loves to play soccer, and we're excited to get out there and play again."

NORTHWEST CONTINUED FROM A8

Northwest will be able to simulate a game feeling for its players and coaches by providing an experience similar to what would be present on game. This includes fans in the stands, media present and even specific spots on the sidelines for the players to stand.

"We'll warm up just like

game day, we'll go in and back out just like game day, and we'll be on the sideline just like game day, and, sometimes, you just don't think about the little things," Howard said.

"I want to see how we execute in a live situation," Wright said. "I want to see good execution and good understanding on both sides of the ball. I want to see what our athletes can do."



WELSEY MILLER SPORTS EDITOR
Northwest redshirt freshman Tank Young evades his teammates on a run play during practice Aug. 23. The Bearcats will hold a Green and White Scrimmage Aug. 25 to give coaches and players a chance to see how they handle a game-like experience.

MARYVILLE CONTINUED FROM A8

The 'Hounds have learned from their past games, worked hard and are attempting to put themselves in a position to win the game. The team plans to do so by focusing on the process of football and by executing its game plan.

Webb said the team has multiple goals for this game: communicate well, execute, play with an edge and display the hard work the team put in all offseason.

"That's the focus every week — is to go just 1-0 — I don't care if you win 7-6 or 42-21," Webb said. "That doesn't matter, we just want to win the game and go 1-0 and win the game".

The game will be at neutral site Aug. 26 at UCM Crane Stadium in Warrensburg, Missouri.

With both teams forced to travel, the programs will be reliant on whether their fans will travel with them.

"I think we make a good effort every year to expose our football program and our culture and our community to different opportunities," Webb said. "We go to Northwest Missouri State's field, we played at UCM before — two years ago we played Blair Oaks there — so our kids are used to that kind of environment."

Coaches, players and fans alike are looking forward to Maryville's kickoff of the regular season.

Fans will get their first look at how their team will perform throughout the season, and the team will finally be able to put all that preseason work to the test in order for the chance to establish itself early for the new year.

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Bearcats to start season in Texas

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Northwest volleyball’s 2022 season hasn’t started yet, but that hasn’t stopped the Bearcats from earning multiple accolades prior the start of the new season.

Following the team’s best season in program history, Northwest is ranked No. 2 in the Volleyblog preseason rankings, No. 12 in the American Volleyball Coaches Association Preseason Division II Top 25 and No. 1 in the MIAA preseason coaches poll.

Coach Amy Woerth said it’s great to be recognized early, especially from opposing teams, but there’s still plenty of work to do.

“It’s not the end of the season by any means, so we got a lot, a lot of season in front of us to be able to prove that so I think it’s fun to have that in front of us to have our sights set on that because that’s where they are set,”

Woerth said. “But really it’s a poll so it doesn’t mean much, yet.”

The No. 12 Bearcats will get their first chance to prove if they deserve their preseason rankings Aug. 26-27 when they take the roughly 700-mile trip to Canyon, Texas, for the Britkare Lady Buff Classic, where the team will be challenged to face four teams it’s never faced before.

Woerth said the main focus for her and her players is on themselves and not on what the other teams are doing.

“You know, we’ll learn as we go when we play these teams,” Woerth said. “We’ll be able to scout them from the standpoint of watching them play before we play them. We are going to focus on us and what we’re doing.”

“We play really good teams in the MIAA, so we have that to fuel us, and we’re a very competitive team, we



Sophomore Olivia Dir and Freshman Karsen Vanscoy celebrate during practice Aug. 23. The Bearcats will travel to Canyon, Texas for the Britkare Lady Buff Classic on Aug. 26.

“We got a lot, a lot of season in front of us to be able to prove that so I think it’s fun to have that in front of us to have our sights set on that because that’s where they are set.”

-AMY WOERTH
VOLLEYBALL COACH

have a very deep roster so we can push each other,” sophomore middle hitter Abby Brunssen said.

The first team the Bearcats will play is Saint Mary’s — a team that went 14-11 last season but played a lot of tough teams close. One of those close games for the Rattlers a year ago was No. 14 West Texas A&M — the final team on the schedule for Northwest this weekend.

Next, the ‘Cats will play Adams State. The Grizzlies had a less favorable season with a record of 11-16 but had a notable win Sept. 7 against then-No. 2 in the nation, Angelo State.

The third squad on the slate for Northwest is UC Colorado Springs. It was a tough season for Mountain Lions for the 2021 campaign, as the team finished 8-17. Their record was partly due to playing five ranked teams throughout the course of the 2021 season.

Lastly, the Bearcats will face No. 14 West Texas A&M. A season ago, the Buffalos won the Lonestar Conference and made it to the Division II Elite Eight.

“West Texas will be one of our tougher opponents from the standpoint of what they did last year and how they finished in the

season,” Woerth said.

“West Texas is supposed to be really good, so it’s going to be exciting,” Brunssen said.

This is the first tournament the Bearcats are in this year, and coaches and players are excited to once again play someone besides themselves.

“I think all of us have just a little bit of nerves. We have a lot of pressure on us like it was just announced today that we’re ranked No. 1 in the MIAA,” Brunssen said. “I think we feel that pressure, but I think we’re just really excited to get back on the court with each other again.”

Regular season to kick off for Northwest soccer

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As August nears its end, some sports are just beginning. After months of preparation from summer workouts to preseason practices, Northwest soccer is set to kick off the new season.

With all the preseason preparation nearly in the rearview, the No. 4 team in the MIAA will soon be back on the pitch for official play for the first time since the end of its best season in program history.

It’s been roughly 10 months since the end of last season, and the players and coaches have used the time as much as they could to get ready. However, the start of a new season can raise uncertainty for teams, especially for one tasked with matching or exceeding the highest win total the program has ever recorded with 13 wins in 2021.

Coach Marc Gordon said it’s hard to really know what to expect any game day, let alone the first one.

“There have been some answers in different areas for us throughout preseason, but we just got to get out on the field and play,” Gordon said. “I think we’ve done what we can in the short time we’ve been together, and, now, you hope you’ve created enough opportunities and chances, and you’ll see if what you’ve been doing successfully carries over.”

The Bearcats will have their first chance to see how well their practice carries over to game time Aug. 26 when they travel nearly 230 miles to play Wayne State (6-8-4, 2021) in Wayne, Nebraska.

The Wildcats are not an unfamiliar team for Northwest. The Bearcats bested the Wildcats 4-2 last year in the second game of the season Sep. 5.



Northwest soccer freshman midfielder Katie Greening and sophomore defender Grace Wineinger attempt to go for the ball during a team practice Aug. 24. The Bearcats will start the season with a rematch against Wayne State.

Northwest sophomore midfielder Hannah Stirling said it’s exciting to be able to play them again.

“I feel like it will be a good match,” Stirling said. “I feel like when you’ve played a team before the competition is higher, and there’s kind of a rivalry. I just hope when we do play that we just play and not fall into the way they’re playing.”

Through players graduating, incoming freshmen and players transferring throughout the offseason, team personnel can change drastically for some teams. Sometimes this can lead to an entire change of a team’s schemes and plans.

Gordon knows this, but he said he’s going to adapt his players the best he can, while still using some of his prior knowledge.

“They were a tough match for us a year ago,” Gordon said. “We really played into their system, and it took us a while to catch on. I’m anticipating the same kind of organization from them and the preparedness.”

Northwest will return to the Bearcat

Pitch for its first home game of the season Aug. 28 for a contest against Drury — 2021 Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament Champion.

The Panthers (16-5-1, 2021) won’t be the first high-level competition the Bearcats have faced in the early stages of the seasons, even if Drury will be the first official one.

Northwest played two scrimmages during the preseason. The first was Aug. 19 in Gilbert, Iowa, against Minnesota State-Mankato (18-3-2, 2021). The second was Aug. 21 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, against Augustana (14-4-2, 2021).

While the scores were unofficial, it gave the team a chance to play against successful teams before heading into the season where the results really count. Playing against top teams also gave the Bearcats a chance to measure themselves compared to powerhouse teams such as the Mavericks and Vikings.

“I love playing those kinds of teams,” Stirling said. “Tough competition always pushes us to become better soccer players.”

“We had some strides last year, and we don’t want it to be fluke,” Gordon said. “So, we see if we can continue to grow and take more steps to go even further.”

The preseason training and workouts will soon come to an end, and teams will soon begin their season with hopes all the training worked.

For Stirling, she said she feels as ready as ever.

“I feel like the summer and early fall stuff really helps me get game-ready, physically and mentally,” Stirling said. “We spend a lot of time with each other and working out. I feel very physically fit, and I’m ready to play.”

2022 NORTHWEST FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

1 SEPT.	vs. Fort Hays State Bearcat Stadium at 7 p.m.	1 OCT.	vs. Missouri Western Bearcat Stadium at 1:30 p.m.	29 OCT.	vs. Nebraska-Kearney Kearney, NE at 2 p.m.
10 SEPT.	vs. Lincoln Jefferson City, MO at 2 p.m.	8 OCT.	vs. Pittsburg State Pittsburg, KS at 2 p.m.	5 NOV.	vs. Missouri Southern Bearcat Stadium at 1:30 p.m. <small>AG/SENIOR DAY</small>
17 SEPT.	vs. Central Missouri Bearcat Stadium at 1:30 p.m. <small>FAMILY WEEKEND</small>	15 OCT.	vs. Washburn Bearcat Stadium at 1:30 p.m. <small>MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY</small>	12 NOV.	vs. Emporia State Emporia, KS at 1 p.m.
24 SEPT.	vs. Central Oklahoma Edmond, OK at 2 p.m.	22 OCT.	vs. Northeastern State Bearcat Stadium at 2 p.m. <small>HOMECOMING</small>	19 NOV.	NCAA First Round TBA



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Northwest sophomore defensive backs Trevon Peak and Cole Elwood warm up at the start of practice. The Bearcat's first game will be at 7 p.m. Sept. 1 against Fort Hays State.

Preseason nearing its end for 'Cats

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Another week of preseason practices and training have come and gone for No. 2 Northwest football, meaning the Bearcats are just a week away before the first game of the season.

Before that day, Sept. 1, the coaches and players alike are not letting the beginning of the season distract them.

Sixth-year coach Rich Wright said that focus has helped the team prepare itself over the summer and get the players ready for the new season.

"We're growing everyday," Wright said. "You know, we're better than we were a week ago."

One of the players who feels like he is getting better everyday is senior defensive lineman Zach Howard.

Howard said it has taken a lot of work with still a lot of work left to do, but he's near the game-ready feel.

"You kinda hit that grind part where your body hurts, and then your body actually is used to hitting and running around," Howard said. "I'm kind of on the other end of it, and I'm feeling really good with where I'm at."

The early stages of the season allows coaches to see how the players are adapting to practicing again and how new players are getting accustomed to collegiate ball.

Wright said a lot of the focus has been on new players, and there is still a long way to go. It is still early in the season, and there are positives with every practice, but some of the players are learning quickly, while some aren't, he said.

"I think a little bit of it depends on who you're talking about," Wright said. "With our 1's yes, with our 2's, no. We're still making mistakes, particularly with our second group. Think there's a little bit of a mental overload right now. So, it's just more reps and more opportunities to get things fixed."

While some of the new players might be having troubles getting used to the life of a collegiate athlete and the new schemes, Howard, now in his fifth year at Northwest, has plenty of experience with this life.

As an anchor of the defense, Howard is impressed with where the rest of the defense is heading into the first week of the regular season.

Howard and the rest of his teammates have managed to stay humble and understand the squad is young, he said. He said they know what their strengths and weaknesses are.

"I think everyone has self-reflected really well and understands to make those strides every day," Howard said. "They're trying to get better, they're trying to take it one step at a time and just do the little things right. You know, there's days there's not much progress, and there's days it looks great."

The 2021 first team all-MIAA selection said it's all about making sure everybody gets the chance to get better and gain experience.

The Bearcats' first game may not be for another seven days, but Northwest will hold its annual Green and White Scrimmage at 6 p.m. Aug. 25 in Bearcat Stadium.

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Spoofhounds start season with rematch

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After a long offseason, football seasons are kicking off around the nation. Soon, it will be Maryville's turn.

While coaches, fans and players have waited since the end of last season to return to the field, coach Matt Webb has this week circled on the calendar every year.

"I look forward to week one like it's Christmas morning every year," Webb said. "I get to wake up as a kid, you know 47 years old, and I get to wake up as a kid this coming Friday like it's Christmas morning and see what Santa Claus brought you and let's go and play with some toys, it's a lot of fun."

Senior running back and linebacker Macen Shurvington said there's always a lot of excitement around the time school starts.

Nothing compares to the excitement around football, Shurvington said.

"There's no better time of the year than football season," Shurvington said.

The 'Hounds will have a tough start to the year, as they start the season against Blair Oaks for the fifth consecutive year. Maryville and Blair Oaks have created quite the history in recent years, as the

Falcons have defeated the Spoofhounds in five straight matchups, including the 2020 Class 3 State Tournament Championship.

"They're really good, and we've had a tradition of being really good too, so it's a great matchup," Webb said. "The history between the two teams you know, we've played them for state championships, we beat them once, they beat us once, and we've played in the state semifinals. We've opened up with them for quite a few years, it's traditionally a really good football program. We know them very well, and they know us very well."

The history combined with great traditions makes this a marquee matchup for both teams.

Shurvington said preparation is important for any game, but it is definitely key when going against a team such as Blair Oaks.

"We've been working really hard, watching film, practicing hard, staying focused on Blair Oaks," Shurvington said. "Not allowing distractions to break that focus and as a whole team I think we're ready to go."

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WESLEY MILLER SPORTS EDITOR

Maryville senior running back Caden Stoecklein runs past the line of scrimmage during the Spoofhounds' practice Aug. 16 in Bearcat Stadium. Stoecklein led Maryville in rushing yards during the 2021 season.